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Mr. William B. Lewis
Chairman of the Board
American Cancer Society
219 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am a non-smoker and a contributor to the American Cancer Society. I am therefore concerned that you would not permit The Tobacco Institute to evaluate the Auerbach-Hammond study. This matter came to my attention by the advertisements that have been placed in various newspapers by The Tobacco Institute.

Frankly I believe the position taken by The Tobacco Institute is a reasonable one and should be complied with by the American Cancer Society since it is supported by public contributions and federal funds. If the Auerbach-Hammond study is valid it will survive the scrutiny of impartial scientific experts. The American Cancer Society's position makes me wonder what it has to hide.

This matter is of sufficient concern to me that I am sending copies of this letter to my Senators in the hope that they will exert some pressure on the American Cancer Society to comply with the request of The Tobacco Institute. Any organization which is supported by public donations and federal funds should make available to the public the fruits of those monies. When the organization is not willing to do this it is questionable whether it deserves the support of the public and the federal government.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Hofer

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cc: Joseph F. Cullman ✓
The Tobacco Institute

Senator Charles Percy
Senator Ralph Smith

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